

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

The Bells are a horrible monopoly. I am very disappointed in the regulation of the little people, and everyone lets the big guys walk off with all of our rights, and our money. We need to crush the people. I depend on ISPs, and we need them. They are the only things worth paying for. They are trying to crush ISPs because of VOIP and other things that threaten their un-innovative monopoly/

I have been treated very poorly by my local monopoly, AT&T. They own the lines, they own the cable and they own the cable internet. They are rude and ineffective, they lie, they do not provide any service level agreements.

ISP need to be allowed to beat the phone companies around No more of this, I'll get around to installing that DSL circuit. ISPs need to be treated with more respect; they need to be able to control the phone company better. Its horrible, like Pac Bell/SBC here, they make life for COVAD so problematic, and they compete. So they guy who owns the lines also competes with the ISPs on these same lines. SBC puts in DSL for itself in minutes, and yet they pretend installing DSL is a big deal when a DSL provider asks for a circuit. The death of the small and mid business and Middle America is perpetrated by big monopolies making it impossible for little shops to be profitable in addition to unreasonable taxes (taxes that are collected whose burden should be shifted to some degree towards the big companies that leverage and abuse the public to make high profits).

I am downtrodden recently. The consumer in America has been criminalized. Due process is not for the free anymore, it's for the criminals. I have a huge sense of losing my rights. I think the public is owed a great debt by the phone companies! We solicited them, and if the phone companies ever got money from the government we paid that too. The people demand more competition! We demand fair treatment! I am so disappointed in SBC/PacBell, AT&T, everyone who calls themselves a phone company. And the little mom and pop ISPs who treated you properly are all dead.

And these companies grew so fast, too fast. They put in bandwidth that isn't needed. And they want us to pay for their mistakes.

Also, the last mile in America needs help! And the last mile NEEDS competition! The last mile in the USA is the most pathetic thing. I am very upset with the line quality, and lack of choices. I should get cable, Ethernet, DSL, fiber and wireless. I should have people competing for my business. But it doesn't exist because of the same reason cars still run on gas. Huge monopolies prevent the advancement of the field so as to milk the old technology for what it was worth! And the government enables this.

America will be a better place without monopoly. People rise to the occasion! I owe a great debt of gratitude to big business and its trickle down effects, but the people have a right to defend themselves from monopolies.

Thomas Jefferson and Madison discussed monopoly - it is a form of tyranny.

Thomas Jefferson (1743-1826), in his correspondence with James Madison (1751-1836) was initially hostile to the provision for copyright and patent law in the United States Constitution. On Dec. 20, 1787, Jefferson wrote to Madison from France concerning the recently-drafted Constitution:

I do not like... the omission of a bill of rights providing clearly and without the aid of sophisms for freedom of religion, freedom of the press, protection against standing armies, restriction against monopolies, the eternal and unremitting force of the habeas corpus laws, and trials by jury in all matters of fact triable by the laws of the land...

Note, here IMHO, TJ wants to along with our other inalienable rights, establish a freedom from Monopoly. These rights, not excluding freedom from monopoly, were to him as core as the rest of our bill of rights. He repeated this view in his letter to Madison dated July 31, 1788:

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Sincerely,

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